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-CIA DENIES REPORT IT'S PLANNING TO ASSASSINATE KHADAFY

WASHINGTON -(DJ)--THE U.S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA) DENIED TUESDAY A NEWSPAPER COLUMNIST'S REPORT THAT THE AGENCY IS PLANNING TO ASSASSINATE LIBYAN LEADER MUAMMAR KHADAFY.

THE ALLEGATION THAT THE CIA IS PLANNING TO ASSASSINATE KHADAFY OR ANYONE ELSE IS UTTERLY AND TOTALLY FALSE, DALE PETERSON, SPOKESMAN FOR THE CIA, SAID.

COLUMNIST JACK ANDERSON REPORTED IN HIS TUESDAY COLUMN THAT IN THE PROTECTED CORRIDORS OF THE CIA, THERE HAVE BEEN WHISPERS ABOUT SLIPPING AN ASSASSIN INTO LIBYA TO DO AWAY WITH KHADAFY.

ANDERSON SAID ONE SCHEME WOULD HAVE THE HIT MAN POSE AS A MERCENARY AND GO TO WORK FOR KHADAFY. ACCORDING TO ANDERSON, ONE CIA IDEA WOULD BE FOR THE ASSASSIN TO USE A DEADLY POISON WHICH SHOWED NO SYMPTOMS FOR THE FIRST 48 HOURS AFTER IT WAS TAKEN.

ANDERSON SAID THAT SUCH A POISON WOULD PRODUCE A FEVER INDISTINGUISHABLE FROM VIRAL DISEASES, FOLLOWED BY GRADUAL PARALYSIS, A COMA AND THEN DEATH.

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